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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH GA: CAR

1. MISOFF HAD LENGTHY CONVERSATION OCTOBER 17 WITH NEW CAR PERM REP BANDIO CONCERNING KHMER. BANDIO EMPHASIZED CAR'S BASICALLY FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD US AND AMERICAN POSITIONS ON MOST UN ISSUES. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED CO-SPONSORSHIP FRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION AND HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR GVN. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED, CAR UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM NON-ALIGNED BLOC TO ACCEDE TO ITS POSITION CONCERNING KHMER REPRESENTATION. BANDIO SAID HE PERSONALLY HAD NO HAND IN FORMING CAR POSITION FOR VARIOUS UNGA ISSUES THIS SESSION BECAUSE HE CAME DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK FROM ITALY WHERE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN AMBASSADOR. IN DISCUSSING KHMER, HE NEVER ONCE MENTIONED CAR'S PRESENT SPONSORSHIP OF PRO-SIHANOUK RESOLUTION.

2. BANDIO SEEMED IMPRESSED BY ARGUMENT THAT SIHANOUK MERELY FIGURE-HEAD FOR CAMBODIAN COMMUNISTS AND ALSO EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF DANGER TO SOUTH VIETNAM REPRESENTED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE CONTROL OVER CAMBODIAN BORDER AREAS. WHEN INFORMED THAT CAMBODIA'S ASIAN NEIGH-
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BORS WILL SHORTLY PROPOSE COMPROMISE RESOLUTION, BANDIO

EXPRESSED INTEREST AND ASKED THAT HE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THEIR DRAFT.

3. PERM REP SAID HE WOULD AGAIN CABLE BANGUI FOR CLARIFICATION OF GOCAR POSITION RE KHMER ISSUE. BANDIO SEEMED ESPECIALLY CONCERNED THAT CAR MIGHT END UP ON LOSING SIDE IF IT CHANGED PRESENT PRO-SIHANOUK POSITION.

4. RECOGNIZING THAT GOCAR DECISION TO CO-SPONSOR PRO-GRUNK RESOLUTION (NOTABLY PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S SUPPORT FOR SIHANOUK) MAY INDICATE LITTLE GIVE IN BANGUI ON KHMER ITEM, NEW APPROACH BY EMBASSY BANGUI TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS MIGHT PROVE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AT PRESENT. ASSUMING ANY CAR FLEXIBILITY ON KHMER WOULD BE MORE A PRODUCT OF BANDIO'S PERSONAL SYMPATHIES THAN THOSE OF HIS GOVERNMENT, MISSION WILL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH HIM AS TACTICAL SITUATION DEVELOPS, ALONG WITH ASIAN SUPPORTERS OF GKR. WEHAVE IN MIND, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT PERMREP MIGHT BE GODD TARGET FOR ABSENCE DURING KHMER VOTE.
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